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June 1975

FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed JANUARY 27, 1981

Call letters WCIF

Station location Melbourne, Florida

Name of licensee First Baptist Church, Inc.,

Transmitter location Front Street, Melbourne, Florida

Main studio location same as transmitter site.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **WCIF**
Letters **NEW-FM**

Name **First Baptist Church, Inc., Melbourne, Florida**
First Baptist Church of Melbourne, Fla.
Melbourne, Florida (PO 702 East New Haven Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32901)

| BPH-10,160 File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BPH-9475 R & F #414257 \$500 REFUNDED \$300 Code 013 Press P. N. Rec'd | 3-28-75 4-15-75 4-17-75 JUN 24 1975 7-21-75 | CP for New FM on: 106.3mhz #292 -ERP:-9KW(H&V)-HAAT:-900'- (H&V) Trans:-Gates-FM-3H31-Ant:-Gates-FME-3A1-3 ----sects:- (H&V) TL:-4.0-miles-S-W-of-Melbourne-off --Minton-Road-1-95-Overpass-Melbourne, Florida SL-RC:-702-East-New-Haven-Melbourne-Florida 28°-02'-54"---80°-40'-34" | GRANTED | 1-22-79 |
| AMENDED | 6-11-75 | Atty: Lloyd D. Young (Chadbourn, Parke etc.) Engr:---- Change name to: First Baptist Church, Inc., Melbourne, Florida; Balance Sheet and Section VI. | | |
| Amended | 6-2-76 | Affidavit filed w/ref to Sect III | | |

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **WCIF
NEW-FM**

Name **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., MELBOURNE, FLORIDA**
Melbourne, Florida

| File No. | Dated | Application for | Action | |
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| | | | Nature | Date |
| BPH-9475 con't. from card #1 | 10-14-75 | PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 73.207 OF RULES AND FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION FOR FILING | | |
| BPH-10,160 | | | | |
| AMENDED \$2000606512 AC:001 PRESS: PN REC'D | 10-13-75 8-20-76 AUG 24 1976 10-19-76 | Change TL and SL to: Front Street, Melbourne, Florida, chg. type trans. Collins 830-E-1A ant: Collins 37M2-300-2, sects (H&V) chg. ant. system (decr. hght); chg. ERP: 3.0KW(H) 2.95KW(V) HAAT: 212' (H&V) | GRANTED | 1-22-79 |
| AMENDED BMPH-791220AS PRESS: (0) | 10-6-78 JAN 31 1980 | financial(bal sheet) MP(BPH-10160) for ext. of completion date. Atty: Lloyd D. Young | GRANTED | 3-13-80 |

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WCIF

Name: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

Station Location: MELBOURNE, FLORIDA

| File No. | Date | Description | Action and Date |
|------------------------------|--------------|---|-----------------|
| BLH-800304AE PTA PRESS | APR 0 3 1980 | License to cover (BPH-10160, as mod.) for a new station. Atty: LLOYD D. Young | GRANTED 1-27-81 |

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

